

WESTFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
1/19/2005

Present: Jane Hinckley, Ken Tebbetts, Roberta McGuire, Phil Gilbert, Stacey Perron

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Secretary's Report-

The December minutes were reviewed. Jane made a motion to accept, with Phil accepting. All were in favor, with Roberta abstaining, as she was not present.

Treasurer's Report-

The latest statement was dated 12/8/2004, and the payment for the roof of the cottage was not reflected. This payment will come out of the funds incumbered from last year, and some of this year's contracted services.

Ken would like to have the cottage painted. He would like to have the estimates to present at the May town meeting to request funding. He estimates that it would cost \$20,000.

New Business-

The purchase of East Boston Camps will come before town meeting on Feb.7. 13.5 million has been requested from CPA funds. Our concerns are the historic preservation of the campgrounds, and the scenic landscape. We would consider nominating the site for the National Historic Register, as this would make it easier for the town to get grants for funds to preserve the buildings. The buildings were constructed in 1937, as a camp for children from East Boston. Many of today's state politicians went there. Ken would like to contact Sanford to do a feasibility study for the National Historic Register.

Stacey made a motion to support the purchase of the East Boston Camps, with Jane seconding. All were in favor. Ken will make a statement of support on our behalf at the Town Meeting.

Demolition Delay-

No new applications were received. Ken would like to nominate Gerry Boucher for the state preservation award for his work on the Brookside Mills.

Annual report-

Points Ken will include are : historic commission web site on-line as of 3/04, site of the Town Pound was documented, multiple site visits by the Commission, input on the Forge Village bridge project, demolitions, money contributed to the purchase of video editing equipment for the 275th committee, and the first draft of our preservation plan.

Staffing-

We have two openings- Stacey gave Ken a draft for a newspaper article. Roberta suggested adding - interest in historic preservation, as an area of interest to a person who may apply to the Commission. Ken will edit it, and send to channel 8, and the Eagle.

Open Forum-

We received a thank you note for Sanford Johnson's wedding card.

Lynne Fitchwood (the owner of the Samuel Fitch House) is hiring Sanford to complete the nomination of the house to the National Historic Register.

There was an article in the Lowell Sun regarding the preservation of a farm house on the property of the Groton Dunstable High School.

For the agenda for next month's meeting- whether we should nominate Frances Hill Road and Chamberlain Road as scenic roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM, with Phil making the motion, and Jane seconding.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey M. Perron, secretary

